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**New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork
Therapy Examiners**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

RONALD P. GERMANO

FINAL ORDER OF
DENIAL OF LICENSURE

TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ronald P. Germano applied for licensure by the Board in 2012.
2. The Board was notified that Mr. Germano had been arrested on six occasions. On May 31, 2013, the Board wrote to Mr. Germano and asked him for documentation and information relating to five of the arrests, and on December 13, 2013 the Board wrote to Mr. Germano asking about a later arrest, on October 18, 2013.

Five of the arrests were drug-related, and one of the arrests was for assault.

3. Mr. Germano responded to the Board's communications by indicating that he declined to provide additional information and documentation relating to his arrest/conviction history.

4. On October 24, 2014, Mr. Germano was advised by letter that he was to provide the Board with additional information and documentation, and that if he did not do so, his application would be denied. The letter was sent to Mr. Germano's address of record with the Board by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing of the letter was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Mr. Germano's failure to respond to the Board's inquiries concerning six arrests constitutes a failure to cooperate within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting Mr. Germano to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure was entered on March 30, 2015, provisionally denying Mr. Germano's application, with no subsequent application to be entertained for a period of three years. A copy of the Order was served upon Mr. Germano by certified and regular mail at his address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following

entry unless Mr. Germano requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board therefore determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to Mr. Germano's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY,

IT IS on this 25th DAY of June , 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. Mr. Germano's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist in the State of New Jersey is hereby denied. No subsequent application for licensure will be entertained for a period of three years, dating from the filing of this order. In the event that Mr. Germano submits an application for

licensure at any future time, he shall be required to provide a complete response to the Board's inquiries concerning his arrest/conviction history.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By:


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